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April 14, 2023

Doug Bosco, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Bradley (Ringer) Cachagua Creek Fish Passage Project, Carmel River Watershed

Dear Chair Bosco,

I am writing in support of the Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Monterey County's Bradley (Ringer) Cachagua Creek Fish Passage Project in the Carmel River Watershed. This project will construct a steelhead habitat restoration and ford improvement project on the Cachagua Creek, a tributary to the Carmel River.

The project site has been identified and prioritized as a significant fish passage barrier impacting Carmel Watershed steelhead trout, according to a 2014 assessment conducted by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Project completion will allow for improved steelhead migration to upstream habitat and will restore more natural stream dynamics in that reach.

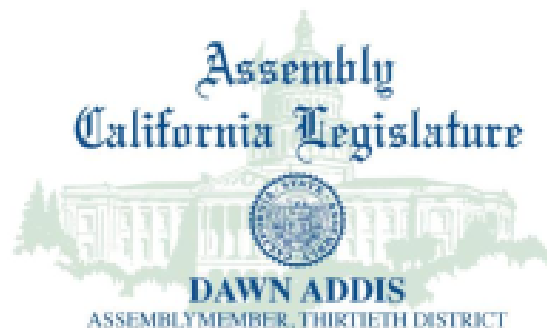
The Resource Conservation District has positive working relationships with the landowners and demonstrated skill and experience at managing state grant funds and local resource improvement projects such as this. Such projects are important to maintaining and improving the health and resilience of our natural systems, on which we depend and by which we are extremely blessed on our region. Thank you for your support of such work and commitment to the conservation of California's coastal resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Laird".

Senator John Laird  
California Senate District 17

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April 13, 2023

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Bradley (Ringer) Cachagua Creek Fish Passage Project, Carmel River Watershed

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I support the above-titled project from the Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Monterey County that will construct a steelhead habitat restoration and ford improvement project on Cachagua Creek, tributary to the Carmel River. The RCD has positive working relationships with the landowners and demonstrated skill and experience at managing state grant funds and local resource improvement projects such as this.

The site has been identified and prioritized as a significant fish passage barrier impacting Carmel Watershed steelhead trout, according to a 2014 assessment conducted by Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Its demolition will allow for improved steelhead migration to upstream habitat and generally restore more natural stream dynamics in that reach.

Please give this submission your highest consideration for approval. Such projects are important to maintaining and improving the health and resilience of our natural systems, on which we depend and by which we are extremely blessed on our region. Thank you for your support of such work and commitment to the conservation of California's coastal resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Addis", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

DAWN ADDIS  
Assemblymember, 30th

Cc: Paul Robins and Megan Barker, Resource Conservation District Monterey County



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4-17-2023

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State Coastal Conservancy  
Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Bradley (Ringer) Cachagua Creek Fish Passage Project, Carmel River Watershed

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I support the above-titled project from the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County that will construct a steelhead habitat restoration and ford improvement project on Cachagua Creek, tributary to the Carmel River. The RCD has positive working relationships with the landowners and demonstrated skill and experience at managing state grant funds and local resource improvement projects such as this.

The site has been identified and prioritized as a significant fish passage barrier impacting Carmel Watershed steelhead trout, according to a 2014 assessment conducted by Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Its demolition will allow for improved steelhead migration to upstream habitat and generally restore more natural stream dynamics in that reach. Restoring the Carmel River to its former health and beauty is a top priority for the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC) and the Carmel River Task Force, which includes all watershed stakeholders including CRWC and RCD.

Please give this submission your highest consideration for approval. Such projects are critical to maintaining and improving the health and resilience of our natural systems, on which we depend and by which we are extremely blessed in our region. Thank you for your support of such work and commitment to the conservation of California's coastal resources.

Sincerely,

Cc: Paul Robins and Megan Barker, Resource Conservation District Monterey County



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**Tim Frahm**  
*California Central Coast Steelhead Coordinator*

4/14/23

Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
Broadway, Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for Bradley (Ringer) Cachagua Creek Fish Passage Project, Carmel River Watershed

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express Trout Unlimited's strong support for Bradley (Ringer) Cachagua Creek Fish Passage Project, Carmel River Watershed

Trout Unlimited is America's largest and oldest coldwater fish conservation group. Since 1959 TU has worked across the country to conserve, protect and restore native trout and salmon and their watersheds. TU has some 10,000 members in California and an active State program with dozens of restoration projects and initiatives throughout California's coastal regions.

This site, on Cachagua Creek, tributary to the Carmel River, has been identified and prioritized as a significant fish passage barrier impacting Carmel Watershed steelhead trout, according to a 2014 assessment conducted by Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Its demolition will allow for improved steelhead migration to upstream habitat and generally restore more natural stream dynamics in that reach.

For the past decade, TU has been supported by the State Conservancy in multiple steelhead habitat improvement projects in this watershed. This project, managed by the RCD of Monterey County is complementary to this work and continues our collective progress to recovery steelhead in the Carmel River.

We have partnered or sub-contracted with the RCD in our previous efforts and believe that they have the staff and skill set to make this project successful.

**Trout Unlimited: America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation Organization**  
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